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CENTRAL AVENUE to REOPEN

OFF PEAK LANE REDUCTIONS CONTINUE ON FIFTH STREET

CENTRAL AVENUE

Central Avenue between Fifth Street and Sixth Street reopened today, March 31, 2005 at 1:30 PM in coordination with this weekend's special events and Monday's Opening Day activities. This closure has been necessary to allow the placement of steel beams that are a part of the portion of the building that will hang over Central Avenue. This structure will also support the CINCINNATI icon that will be one of the signature features of the expansion.

This block of Central Avenue will be closed for certain remaining construction activities from time to time until the end of July. The first such closure is tentatively planned for April 11, 2005 through April 14, 2005. During this closure and any remaining closure times, detour routes will be posted and Metro buses will be rerouted as needed. Every effort is being made to schedule these closures such that they do not interfere with special events and other heavy traffic times.

FIFTH STREET

An additional north side lane of Fifth Street, between Central Avenue and Plum Street, will continue to be closed each weekday between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM to allow for steel erection along the Fifth Street side of the Cinergy Convention Center. This lane reduction will be in place until approximately May 7, 2005. The lane restriction will not be in place during certain daytime special events. Motorists are advised to exercise caution in these areas and reduce their speed as they approach the work zones.

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